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Director of Training

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TRG Weekly Summary Report

1. The conference on "The Problem of Soviet Imperialism," sponsored jointly by Office of Training and the School of Advanced International Studies, began on Monday, 10 August, with a total of 168 Agency participants. This conference, which concluded on 14 August, has been regarded as a most successful training effort for Agency personnel involved in intelligence problems pertaining to Soviet imperialism. Lectures and discussions given by such prominent international scholars as George F. Kennan, [REDACTED] official of the [REDACTED] 25X1C80, Frederick Barghoorn, Yale University, T. Gayler Long, Princeton University, Conway Zirkle, University of Pennsylvania, A. Rossi, University of Paris, and others, have added greatly to the very high substantive quality of the conference.

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2. To meet additional requirements of the Agency, the Reading Improvement Branch of the Intelligence Training Division has developed a course designed to increase the reading efficiency in foreign languages. The objective is to improve upon the scanning skills of those who have to read a wide variety of foreign documents. The aims of the course are as follows: (a) to improve reading vocabulary, (b) to increase span of recognition in the language, (c) to correct unnecessary regressions in reading, (d) to eliminate vocalization and inner speech, and (e) to develop any auxiliary aspects of reading which may hinder speed in reading a foreign language. This course will run for eight weeks, three times a week for one and one-half hours per class period.

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3. The three candidates for the 1953-54 course at the National War College, which will begin on 20 August are [REDACTED] 25X1A9b, OCI, Mr. [REDACTED]

4. The Indoctrination Program held on Thursday, 13 August, included 69 people, 5 of whom were from the Targets Staff of Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.

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